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think unfortunate word. I do not/ketieve that scientists can be divided into (SD?) uniformitarianists and **Extaclysminists** cataclysmianists. There is no question that there have been great cataclysms. Every scientists knows of the existence changes of volcanoes and of **te** tremendous/in the earth that take place in a short time. On the other hand anyone who ever goes into ever tracveted travelsd at all can see the slow effects of erosion that occur. XTREXERX There are small and of subsidence and of the rising of areas of the world. ugly (?) There is no doubt that small changes are constantly taking place in a more or less And there is also no doubt that cataclysms occur. uniform system. It impressed me that on the whole whitecomb had done a good job on this fourth chapter but not nearly as good a job as on the other three.

Thet remainder of the book which Whitcomb did not write, but which was written by a man by an engineer who had taken a minor in geology deals with an attempt to show that all, or most of the strata in the world had been produced by the Flood. So far as I can see the Bible does not say anything about how the strata had been produced. I feel that there is much in this area that has not been properly worked out. However, I doubt that anyone is in a position to work 21 it out unless he takes at least three years in getting a RexxExxinxgenetatyPh.D. in geology and at least three years of post-doctoral study in geology in order to be in a position to make satisfactory judgments in this area. When he would finish this preparation I would think it probable that he could make some real advances in the study of the formation of strata that would be worth while. I doubt that anyone with less training in that area can say much that will kees f any real value in the field. Whatever the conclusions I do not see how it has much relevance so far as the Bible is concerned. I do not know of any place where the Bible says that strata were deposited by the Flood. I think the Bible teaches a universal Flood flood and that it is important therefore that we accept this as true, but it does not give much detail on the physical processes that God used to cause the Flood and tells nothing at all about the changes, whether great or small, that the Flood may perhaps have made in the surface of the earth. I feel, therefore, that the whole

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